

DYS Update: Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission

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Experience

- 2018** ● **Rites of Passage**
Regional Director of Compliance
- 2008** ● **The Ohio Department of Youth Services
Central Office**
Bureau Chief of Facility Operations
- 2005** ● **The Ohio Department of Youth Services
Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility**
Deputy Superintendent
Superintendent
- 2004** ● **The Ohio Department of Youth Services
Central Office**
Policy and PREA Coordinator
Compliance Administrator and PREA Coordinator
- 1996** ● **The Ohio Department of Youth Services
Ohio River Valley Juvenile Correctional Facility**
Unit Manager
Juvenile Correctional Officer

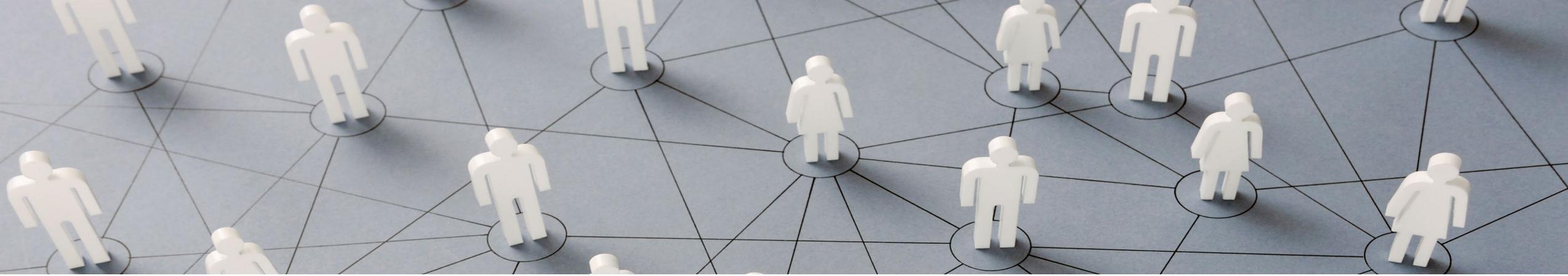
Education

- 2019** ● **Ohio Dominican University**
Master of Science
Management
- 2004** ● **Ohio University**
Bachelor of Science
Communications

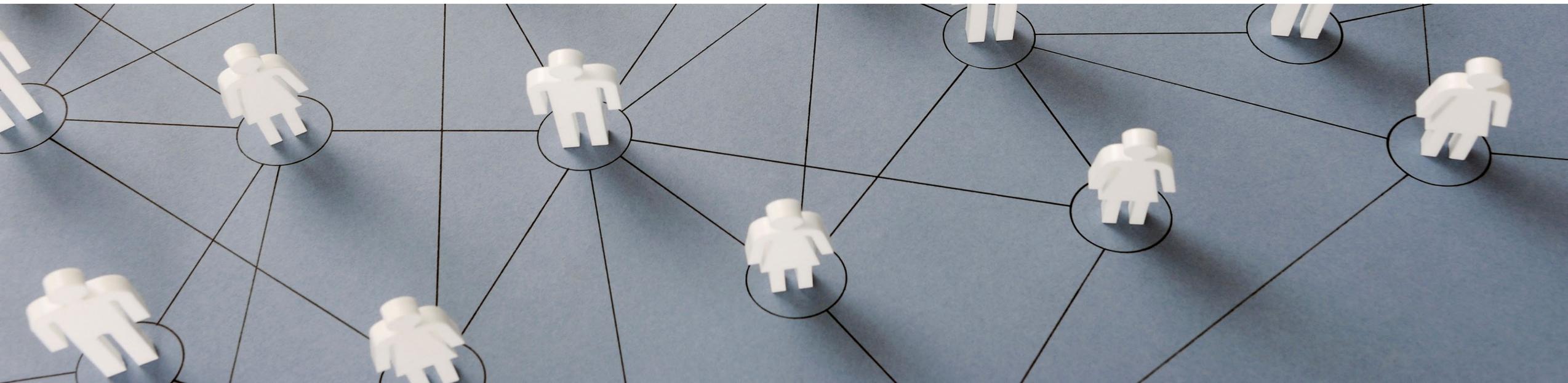
About Director Ast

Governor Mike DeWine appointed Amy L. Ast director of the Ohio Department of Youth Services in December 2021, returning the veteran youth services professional to the agency she served from 1996 through 2017.

Director Ast’s goals at DYS include investing in relationships, best practices, and innovative programming “to ensure our youth leave DYS healthier physically, mentally, and emotionally than when they arrived.” She is also committed to investing in staff so they come to work energized, engaged, and committed to DYS’s core mission – improving the lives of youth, families, and communities, protecting the public, and creating a safer, more prosperous Ohio.



“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” –Helen Keller



— *Our* TRUE NORTH —



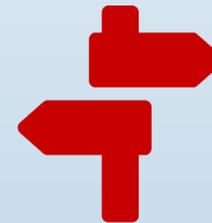
MISSION



VISION



JUST CAUSE
STATEMENTS



GUIDING
PRINCIPLES



VALUES



Calculated risks involves experimentation and learning, which is core to successful innovations.

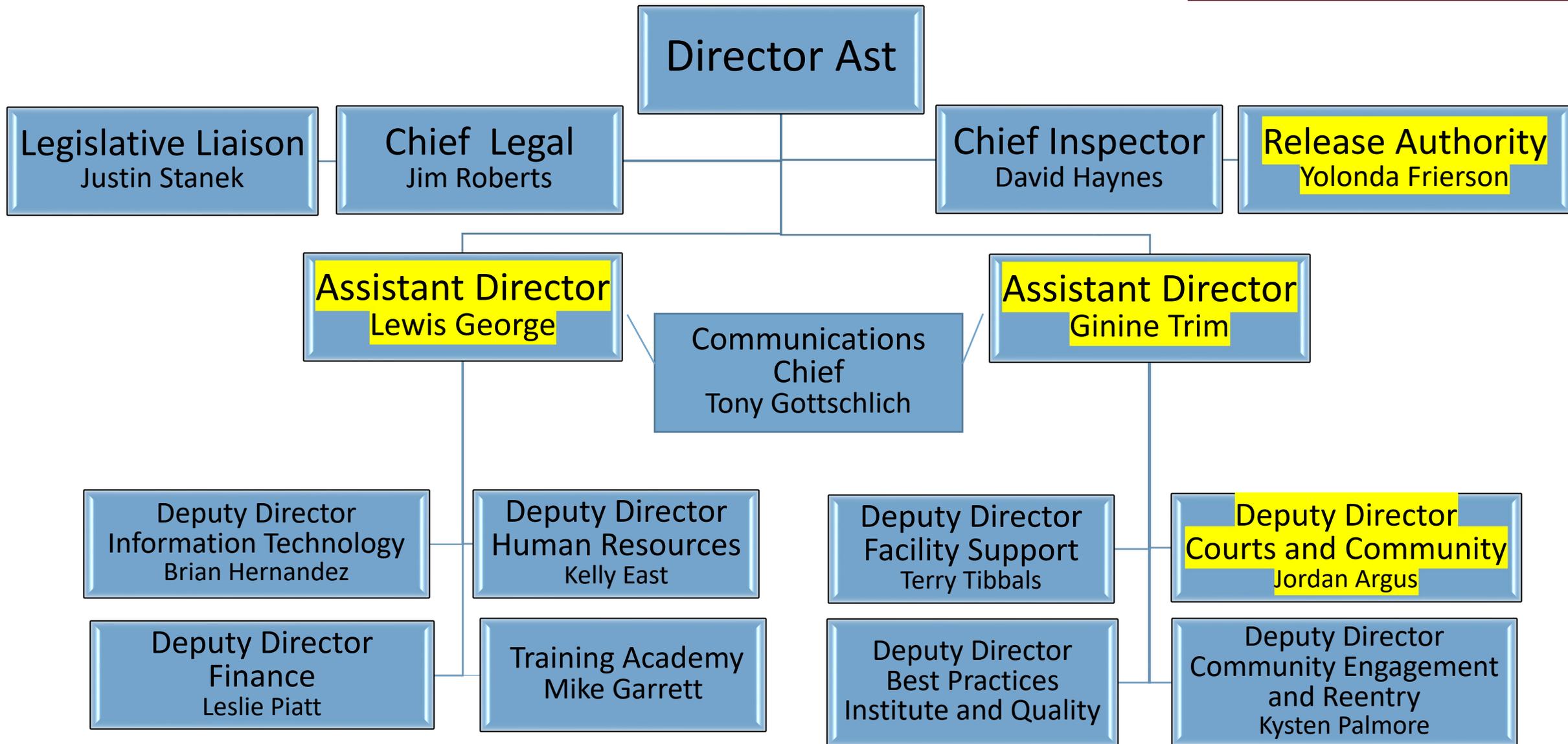
❖ **First 90 Days**

❖ **Next 90 – 180 Days**

First 90 Days...Evaluation and Assessment



Re-Structuring Central Office



First 90 Days...Evaluation and Assessment



Executive
Leaders

Impact of
COVID-19

Community
Partnerships

Facility
Safety

Reentry

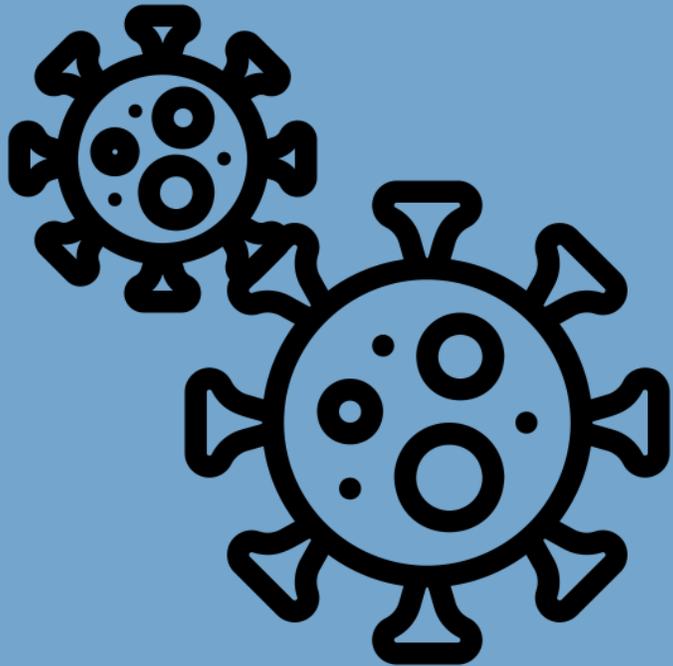
Community &
Public Safety

Central
Office

Setting the Context
of How & Why

Empowering our
Leadership Team

First 90 Days...Evaluation and Assessment



Prevention & Intervention Strategies
(vaccine clinics, mandatory testing, etc.)

Current Status-COVID-19

Workforce/Vacancy Rate

Pre-Service Training

First 90 Days...Evaluation and Assessment



Judges

Law enforcement

Legislators

Advocate groups

First 90 Days...Evaluation and Assessment



PREA Survey
Separation
Act of Violence
Treatment/Programming/Activities

Trauma Responsive Environment

- ❖ Developing Pathways for Each Youth
- ❖ Evidence Based Treatment
- ❖ Education-Innovative Curriculum Delivery
- ❖ Returning Volunteers to our Facilities
- ❖ System of Incentives, Rewards, & Accountability

Community Engagement and Reentry

- ❖ Workforce Development
(One Stops)
- ❖ Comprehensive Case Management Employment Project (CCMEP)
- ❖ OOD Partnership
- ❖ Cuyahoga County Mentoring Program

First 90 Days...Evaluation and Assessment



Parole Supervision

Whereabouts Unknown

RECLAIM

- ❖ System of Incentives, Rewards, & Accountability
- ❖ Community Intervention & Intelligence Unit
- ❖ Fostering Relationships with Community Partners
- ❖ Training

First 90 Days...Evaluation and Assessment



Return to Office: April 18

